GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1023
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SERVICE CONDITIONS OF U.R.C. WORKERS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the civilian workers employed in unit-run canteens are treated equivalent to the Central Government employees in accordance with the judgement given by the Hon`ble Supreme Court recently;

(b) if not, whether any time limit has been fixed by the Supreme Court for the implementation of this judgement;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government for implementation of the same;

(d) whether the Government have filed or propose to file a review petition against this order; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) As per the judgement of the Hon`ble Supreme Court dated 4th January, 2001, the status of the employees in the unit-run canteens (URCs) is to be that of Government servants, but that by itself ipso facto would not entitle them to get all the service benefits as is available to the regular government servant or even their counterparts serving in the C.S.D. canteens.It would necessarily depend upon the nature of duty discharged by them as well as on the Rules and Regulations and Administrative Instructions issued by the employer.

(b) The Hon`ble Supreme Court has directed to determine the service conditions of employees in the Unit Run Canteens (URCs) at an early date, preferably within six months from the date of the judgement i.e., 4th January, 2001.

(c) to (e): The orders of the Hon`ble Supreme Court are under examination in the Ministry of Defence in consultation with the Service Headquarters.